you ask about Br Moore's "family affairs"
So far as I know he has none — is in statu quo
My health has been better this summer than
for these 20 years before — wife not very well
We board for want of a house to live in.
Am glad you think of becoming a pastor
again — for your good wife's sake especially

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Rev A. A. Phelps
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Last week I attended the ordination of D. T. Smith as my successor at Sherburne. My separation from that dear people was a most painful one, but I have now an affectionate people, & am as popular as I ought to be — so much so that I fear I am too much "in God's stead".

or not to hope for & pray for & enjoy as we have never yet done revivals i.e. periods at intervals in which great numbers shall be converted, & in which the sympathies of men as social shall be enlisted for their conversion. But let the church be uniformly holy, & in no need itself of being converted over again & again in every revival, & how much would be gained. Then whenever there were a combination of circumstances in the condition of the community favorable for a revival it would never be lost through the neglect of the church & their unfitness to improve it. — But I am not writing a dissertation on revivals, but a letter to Br Phelps. Well then more about our revival. We have an academy here, 145 students last term, 17 conversions, some of them young men of the best talent in the institution. — We have a great church of more than 300 many of them pretty good christians. — We are antislavery here as a town. Have a good Society, of which I have the honor to be president.

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And it has occurred to me that God is in this way to correct the misuse which christians have made of protracted meetings. And to substitute, for the too fitful religion which assumed the privilege(!) of being most of the time in a state of declension, that more steady piety which knows no relaxation of efforts & no decline of zeal. We must have more of the religion of Horton Page, & christians must feel, as they have never done yet, their personal individual responsibilities, & their obligations to engage in personal efforts for the conversion of sinners & in earnest, wrestling prayer for the divine blessing on their efforts, & this as the uniform service of their entire life, without declension or interruption. The latent energies of the church will never be developed till this principle shall have gained upon the convictions & been exemplified in the lives of christians. I do not mean that we

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Samuel Lee

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Br. Phelps,

I have this moment rec'd your letter, & write now, although it is bed-time, but I should defer it long, for my hands are full, & what is put off till a convenient time is put off long. It is not true, as you have heard that we have a "glorious revival" in the ordinary acceptation of that word, but we have a revival of interest. There may have been 40 conversions since I have been here, & we are expecting the number will increase. There is nothing like the powerful in revivals: there is no rush, no excitement from sympathy with the many, but all is solemn, & our congregations are awfully solemn. There were appearances some 8 or 10 weeks since like the beginning of a great work, but the result thus far is as I have described. And the progress that is made is by dint of earnest & protracted prayer & labors.

The cause of antislavery is making some progress in all this region. Not Garrisonism but the true spirit of abolition that insists upon immediate emancipation as the duty of the master & the right of the slave. There is a great change in the ministers of my acquaintance. I scarcely know of one out of Boston who does not subscribe to this sentiment. But we hold to seeking our end with a different spirit than that manifested by your brother G. You know when I say such things I distinguish between the ~~N. York~~ abolitionists & Garrison. — We have a monthly concert to pray for the oppressed — full of interest.

Wife unites in sending love to you wife & self.

Yours truly S. Lee